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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/623,968	LUO ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Sharon E. Kennedy	1615	

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 20-21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>09/13/04; 10/25/04; 08/29/05</u>                              | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                          |

## DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action or the MPEP.

### *Election/Restrictions*

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I in the reply filed on October 16, 2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the claims are intertwined and not restrictable. This is not found persuasive because the composition is phrased as a composition "for application to the lips" instead of as a lip composition. In other words, the composition as claimed can be almost anything. In contrast, the method of use requires limiting the composition to application of the lips. In view of the different inventions, restriction is required.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krysik, US 5,330,747 in view of Castrogiovanni et al., US 5,505,937. Krysik discloses the PSA including the trialkylorganosilyl end blocked silica dioxide reacted with polydialkylorganosiloxane with the claimed viscosity and molecular weight. See column 2, lines 10+ of Krysik. Krysik discloses the use of the PSA in cosmetics applied to the skin and eyes. Krysik does not disclose the use of the PSA for lipstick, etc. Castrogiovanni is cited to exemplify the large body of prior art disclosing the use of PSA

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for use in lipsticks. Accordingly, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the Krysik PSA type cosmetic in lipstick in view that Castrogiovanni exemplifies that this technology is routine.

***Contact Information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharon E. Kennedy whose telephone number is 571/272-4948. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward, can be reached on 571/272-8373.

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